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You can link a pull request to an issue to show that a fix is in progress and to automatically close the issue when the pull request is merged.

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## About linked issues and pull requests

You can link an issue to a pull request manually or using a supported keyword in the pull request description.


When you link a pull request to the issue the pull request addresses, collaborators can see that someone is working on the issue.

When you merge a linked pull request into the default branch of a repository, its linked issue is automatically closed. For more information about the default branch, see "[Setting the default branch](#)."

## Manually linking a pull request to an issue

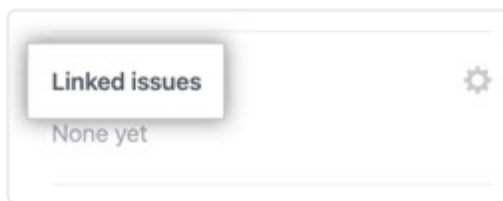
Anyone with write permissions to a repository can manually link a pull request to an issue.

You can manually link up to ten issues to each pull request. The issue and pull request must be in the same repository.

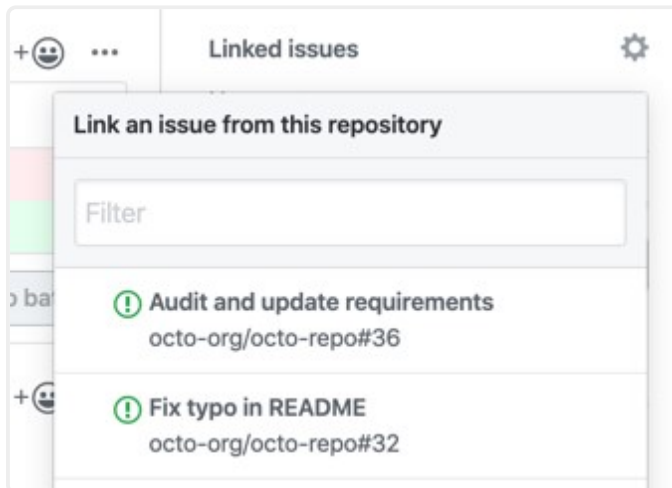
- 1 On GitHub, navigate to the main page of the repository.
- 2 Under your repository name, click  **Pull requests**.



- 3 In the list of pull requests, click the pull request that you'd like to link to an issue.
- 4 In the right sidebar, click **Linked issues**.



- 5 Click the issue you want to link to the pull request.



## Linking a pull request to an issue using a keyword

You can link a pull request to an issue by using a supported keyword in the pull request's description.

- close
- closes

- closed
- fix
- fixes
- fixed
- resolve
- resolves
- resolved

The syntax for closing keywords depends on whether the issue is in the same repository as the pull request.

Linked issue	Syntax	Example
Issue in the same repository	<i>KEYWORD #ISSUE-NUMBER</i>	Closes #10
Issue in a different repository	<i>KEYWORD OWNER/REPOSITORY#ISSUE-NUMBER</i>	Fixes octo-org/octo-repo#100
Multiple issues	Use full syntax for each issue	Resolves #10, resolves #123, resolves octo-org/octo-repo#100

Only manually linked pull requests can be manually unlinked. To unlink an issue that you linked using a keyword, you must edit the pull request description to remove the keyword.

You can also use closing keywords in a commit message. The issue will be closed when you merge the commit into the default branch, but the pull request that contains the commit will not be listed as a linked pull request.

## Further reading

- ["Autolinked references and URLs"](#)

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